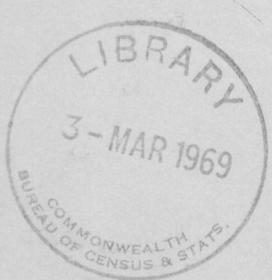


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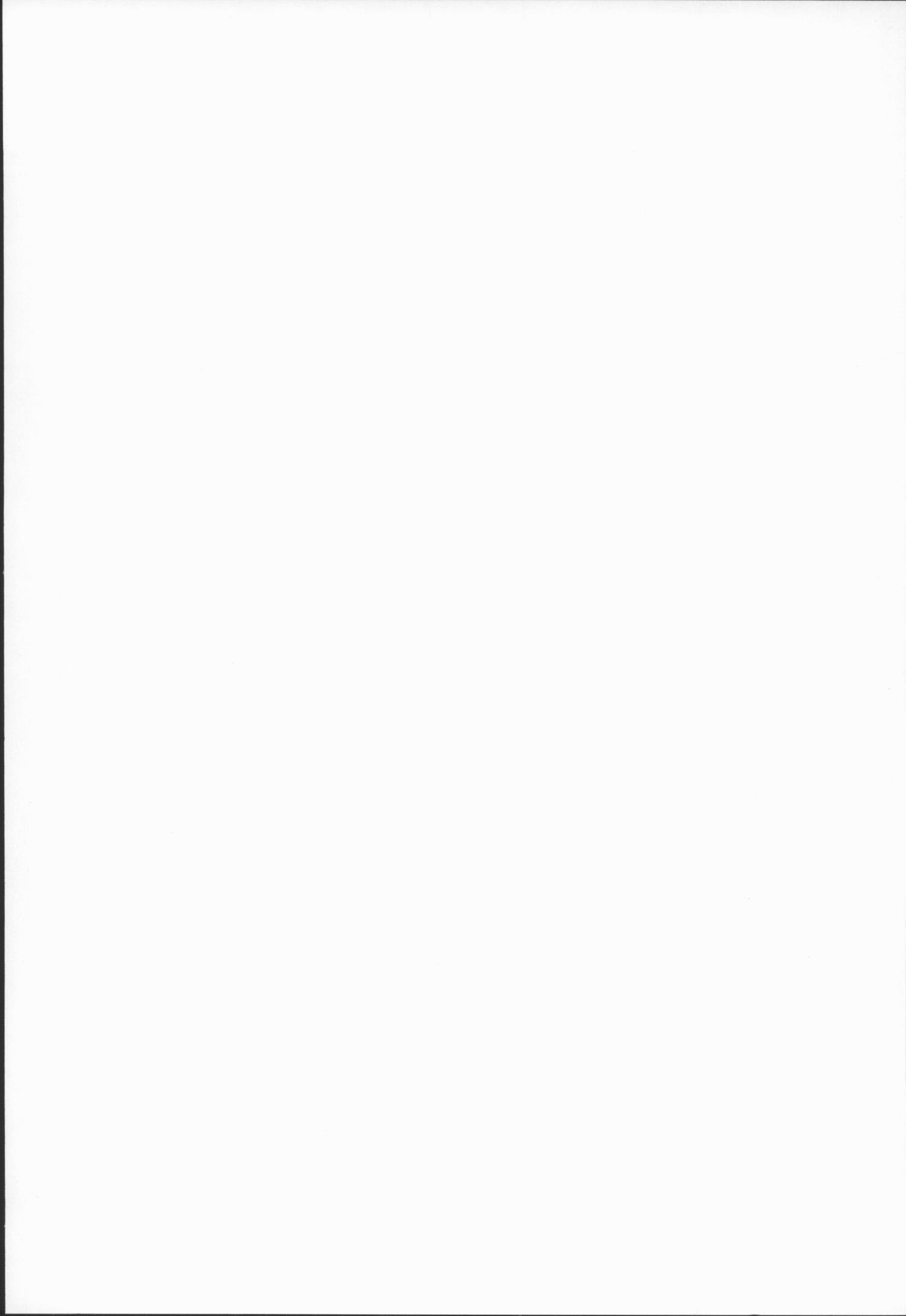


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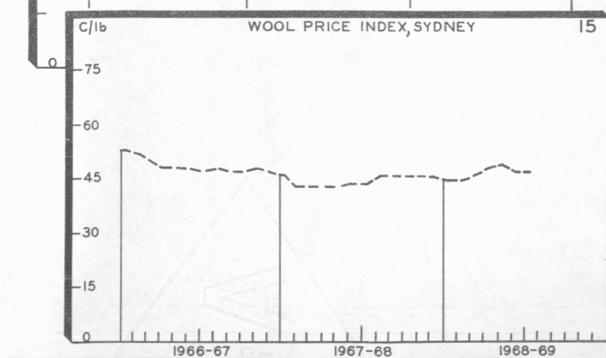
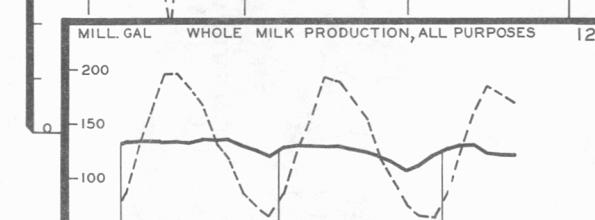
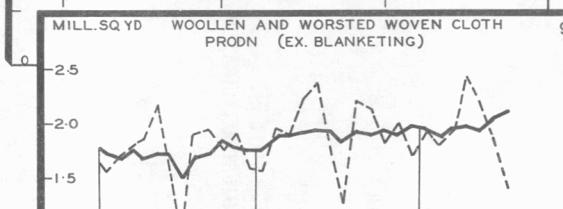
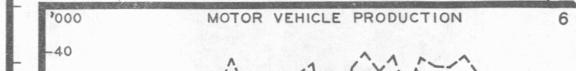
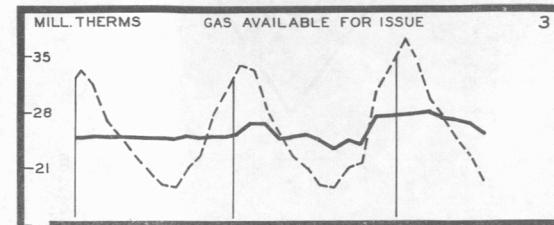
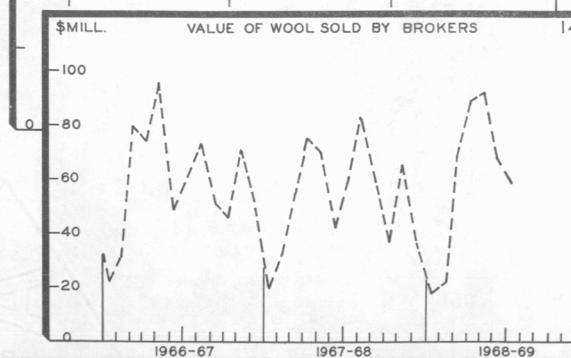
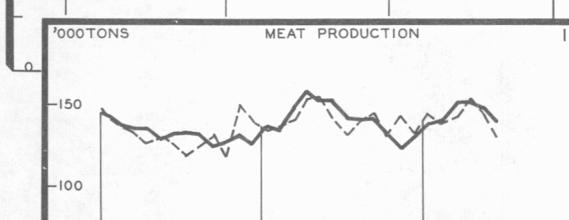
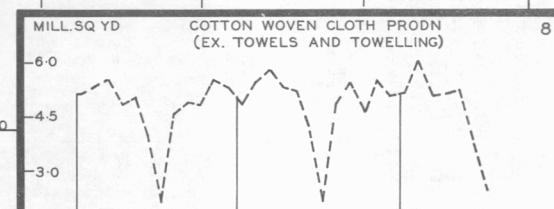
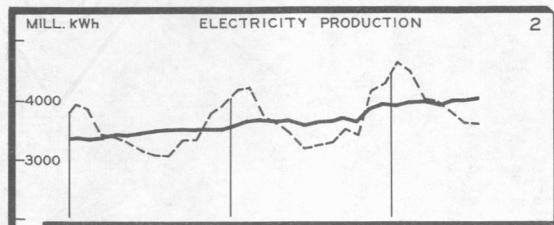
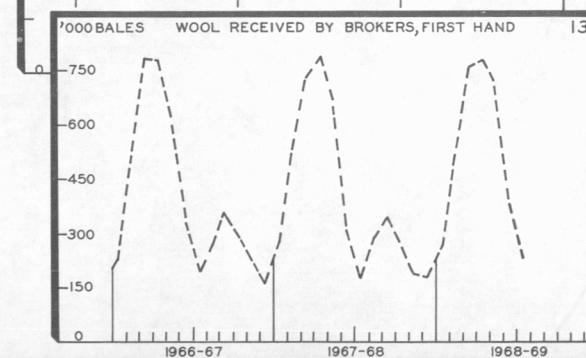
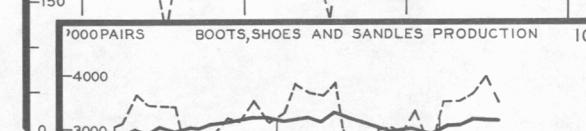
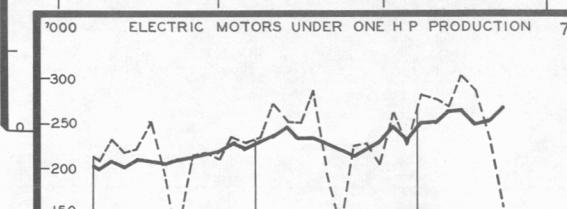
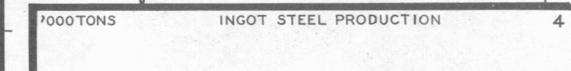
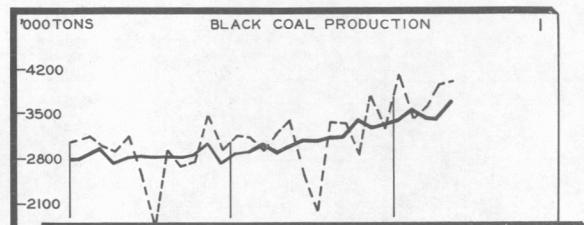
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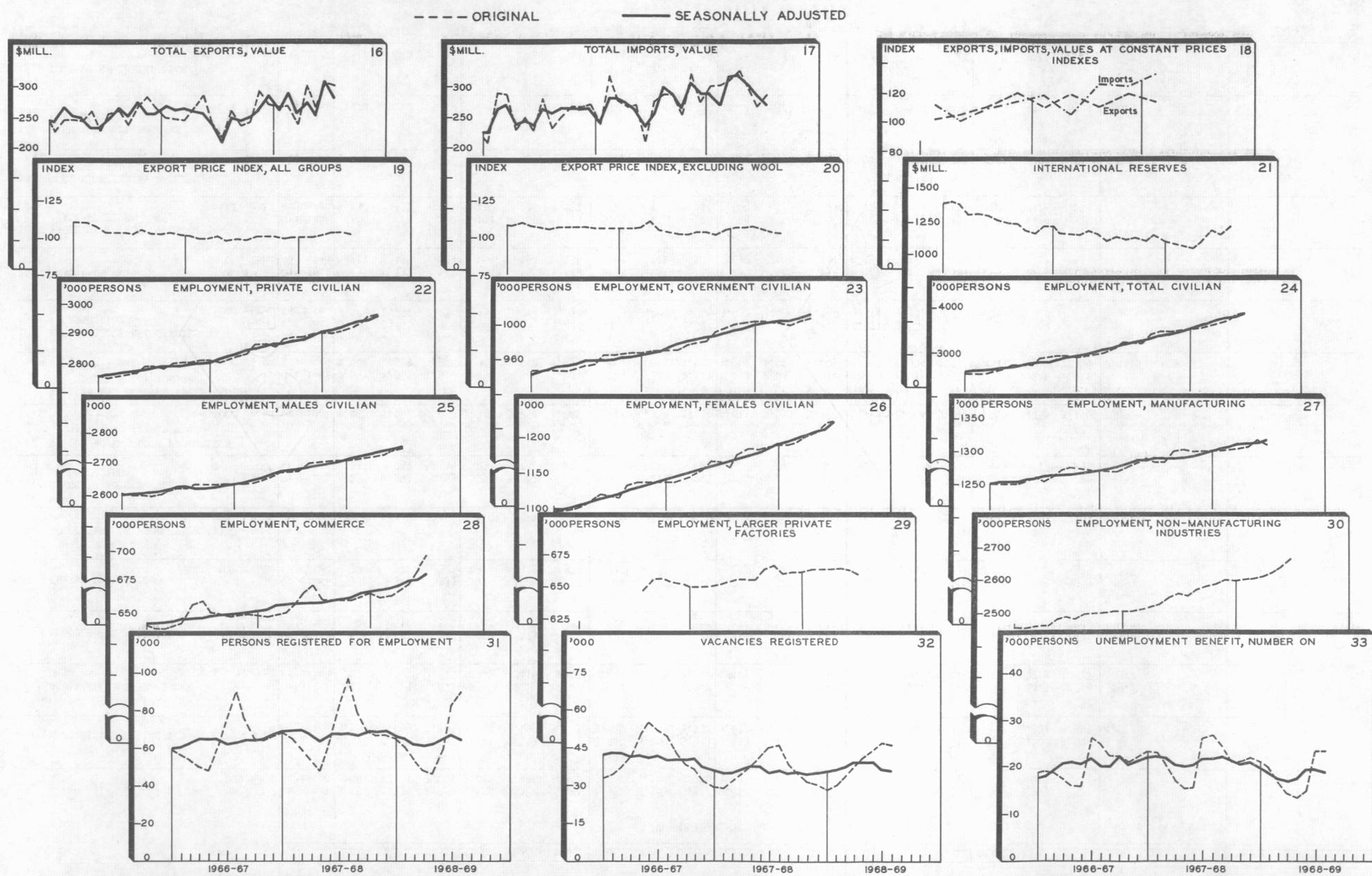
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			July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	
PRODUCTION, ETC. (a)																											
1. BLACK COAL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original Adjusted	3,150 2,881	3,136 2,931	2,950 3,002	3,166 2,877	3,382 2,996	2,496 3,066	1,992 3,065	3,367 3,144	3,341 3,158	2,814 3,432	3,760 3,281	3,263 3,319	4,097 3,430	3,430 3,541	3,566 3,435	3,960 3,434	3,995 3,706								
2. ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION	mill. kWh	Original Adjusted	4,177 3,588	4,205 3,695	3,757 3,705	3,611 3,622	3,513 3,659	3,207 3,563	3,240 3,628	3,280 3,646	3,541 3,731	3,433 3,632	4,143 3,876	4,256 3,959	4,651 3,905	4,487 3,967	4,045 4,025	3,970 3,931	3,808 3,987	3,629 3,997	3,611 4,053						
3. GAS AVAILABLE FOR ISSUE	mill. therms	Original Adjusted	34.0 25.6	33.3 26.7	28.4 26.7	25.0 24.8	22.3 24.8	21.2 25.3	18.8 24.7	18.3 23.5	21.2 24.6	21.9 24.1	31.1 27.8	33.8 27.8	37.5 27.9	34.8 28.0	29.9 28.2	27.8 27.6	24.5 27.3	22.6 26.8	19.5 25.8						
4. INGOT STEEL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original Adjusted	524 506	538 512	539 522	528 524	475 468	542 527	524 520	477 515	546 554	528 574	549 539	503 512	495 478	550 517	537 518	565 561	534 527	591 569	579 572						
5. CEMENT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original Adjusted	336 322	341 321	333 321	354 324	324 313	277 307	240 317	312 324	329 323	296 291	347 317	314 317	341 323	344 325	345 334	366 334	349 338	285 315	253 335						
6. MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCTION (b)	'000	Original	32.8	34.8	31.1	36.8	38.1	24.3	15.6	37.2	40.0	36.6	39.8	32.8	39.0	37.7	37.2	39.7	36.0	26.3	18.6						
7. ELECTRIC MOTORS UNDER ONE HP, PRODUCTION	'000	Original Adjusted	235 231	273 237	253 245	251 234	287 234	202 229	131 222	224 213	227 221	204 228	261 246	223 228	280 252	276 254	267 263	304 3263	284 247	228 255	152 267						
8. COTTON WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding towels and towelling)	'000 sq yd	Original	4,835	5,553	5,830	5,334	5,251	4,247	2,173	4,936	5,434	4,611	5,551	5,101	5,225	6,054	5,074	5,158	5,266	3,798	2,492						
9. WOOLLEN AND WORSTED WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding blanketing)	'000 sq yd	Original Adjusted	1,591 1,782	1,981 1,929	1,910 1,906	2,238 1,949	2,398 1,962	1,724 1,959	1,284 1,850	2,240 1,963	2,147 1,924	1,837 1,961	2,033 1,925	1,716 2,005	1,959 1,985	1,815 1,904	1,961 1,973	2,448 2,003	2,241 1,939	1,911 2,086	1,414 2,146						
10. BOOTS, SHOES AND SANDALS PRODUCTION	'000 pairs	Original Adjusted	3,307 3,189	3,876 3,202	3,706 3,256	3,682 3,159	3,886 3,364	2,466 3,238	1,714 3,179	3,012 3,081	3,076 3,005	2,942 3,033	3,332 3,034	2,680 2,940	3,532 3,124	3,544 3,119	3,699 3,257	4,032 3,251	3,532 3,246								
11. MEAT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original Adjusted	135 137	137	141	154	156	142	133	141	146	131	144	133	146	139	143	156	145	131							
12. WHOLE MILK PRODUCTION, ALL PURPOSES	mill. gal.	Original Adjusted	86 130	126 131	160 131	194 130	189 130	173 127	155 125	119 121	96 116	74 109	66 113	65 123	88 129	127 133	161 133	186 124	179 123	170 123							
13. WOOL RECEIVED BY BROKERS, FIRST HAND	'000 bales	Original	283	543	736	790	668	324	179	298	347	287	198	188	270	503	762	781	722	398	237						
14. VALUE OF WOOL SOLD BY BROKERS	\$ mill.	Original	19.8	32.2	55.2	76.1	70.3	42.4	59.3	83.4	59.0	37.4	65.9	37.7	18.1	22.4	69.0	89.0	92.3	67.9	58.3						
15. WOOL PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY cents per lb greasy	Original		46	43	43	43	43	44	44	46	46	46	46	46	45	45	46	45	48	49	47	47					

(a) Figures for items 1 to 12 are preliminary from July 1967.

(b) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

* Preliminary.

† Revised.



		1967-68												1968-69															
		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June				
OVERSEAS TRADE																													
16. TOTAL EXPORTS, VALUE	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	249 268	248 260	246 264	266 258	284 257	239 254	216 204	259 252	234 246	240 250	293 261	272 288	* 264	* 268	* 239	* 297	* 264	* 305	* 302	* 280							
17. TOTAL IMPORTS, VALUE	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	236 239	314 280	276 279	265 273	270 261	207 234	277 258	287 298	286 287	252 262	322 306	273 287	299 290	299 272	311 314	327 319	296 301	263 285	286 270								
18. INDEXES OF VALUES AT CONSTANT PRICES			*		*		*		*		*		*		*		*		*										
EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE 1966-67 = 100	Original	100			109				101				110			105													
IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE 1966-67 = 100	Original	108			97				115				114			122													
19. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, ALL GROUPS	1959-60 = 100	Original	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						
		102	99	99	101	98	99	98	101	101	101	101	100	101	101	101	101	102	104	104	102								
20. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING WOOL	1959-60 = 100	Original	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	106	106	107	*	*	*	106	104	103		
21. INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (a)	\$ mill.	Original	1,157	1,151	1,143	1,170	1,146	1,092	1,131	1,102	1,117	1,096	1,143	1,092	1,079	1,060	1,037	1,091	1,174	1,144	1,200	4							
EMPLOYMENT (b)																													
22. EMPLOYMENT, PRIVATE CIVILIAN (c)	'000 persons	Original Adjusted	2,804 2,815	2,812 2,824	2,822 2,832	2,836 2,842	2,861 2,851	2,862 2,858	2,854 2,860	2,880 2,869	2,891 2,876	2,888 2,882	2,896 2,893	2,899 2,903	2,901 2,913	2,908 2,921	2,921 2,932	2,933 2,940	2,959 2,949	2,966 2,962									
23. EMPLOYMENT, GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN	'000 persons	Original Adjusted	971 970	972 972	972 976	973 980	977 983	980 985	983 987	996 990	999 993	1,001 996	1,003 998	1,004 1,001	1,005 1,004	1,004 1,004	1,003 1,007	1,000 1,007	1,004 1,010	1,009 1,015									
24. EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL CIVILIAN (c)	'000 persons	Original Adjusted	3,775 3,785	3,783 3,796	3,794 3,808	3,809 3,822	3,838 3,833	3,842 3,842	3,837 3,845	3,876 3,859	3,889 3,870	3,889 3,878	3,899 3,891	3,903 3,904	3,907 3,917	3,912 3,925	3,924 3,939	3,934 3,947	3,963 3,958	3,976 3,976									
25. EMPLOYMENT, MALES CIVILIAN (c)	'000	Original Adjusted	2,635 2,640	2,640 2,647	2,646 2,656	2,654 2,665	2,671 2,673	2,676 2,678	2,678 2,679	2,699 2,687	2,704 2,693	2,706 2,698	2,712 2,705	2,714 2,713	2,716 2,722	2,719 2,727	2,723 2,734	2,726 2,738	2,743 2,745	2,753 2,755									
26. EMPLOYMENT, FEMALES CIVILIAN (c)	'000	Original Adjusted	1,140 1,145	1,143 1,149	1,148 1,152	1,155 1,156	1,167 1,160	1,166 1,165	1,159 1,166	1,177 1,172	1,185 1,176	1,183 1,180	1,187 1,187	1,189 1,191	1,190 1,195	1,193 1,198	1,200 1,204	1,207 1,208	1,220 1,213	1,223 1,222									
27. EMPLOYMENT, MANUFACTURING	'000 persons	Original Adjusted	1,271 1,274	1,272 1,276	1,277 1,282	1,282 1,286	1,290 1,289	1,283 1,290	1,284 1,289	1,300 1,291	1,305 1,293	1,298 1,293	1,299 1,297	1,300 1,301	1,302 1,305	1,304 1,307	1,307 1,312	1,310 1,313	1,316 1,315	1,311 1,318									
28. EMPLOYMENT, COMMERCE	'000 persons	Original Adjusted	647 653	649 656	651 656	656 657	668 658	673 659	661 663	661 661	661 662	661 663	664 666	665 668	663 669	664 671	668 673	674 675	687 676	697 682									
29. EMPLOYMENT, LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES	'000 persons	Original	651	651	652	654	656	656	656	664	668	661	662	662	663	663	663	664	663	661									
30. EMPLOYMENT, NON-MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES (c)	'000 persons	Original	2,504	2,511	2,517	2,526	2,549	2,558	2,553	2,575	2,585	2,591	2,600	2,603	2,604	2,608	2,617	2,624	2,647	2,665									
31. PERSONS REGISTERED FOR EMPLOYMENT	'000	Original Adjusted	65.4 69.6	59.8 70.0	53.2 67.9	48.6 64.7	63.0 68.5	83.6 68.0	96.2 68.6	79.1 67.4	69.4 69.0	67.0 68.7	67.3 69.2	65.3 66.1	61.4 65.5	53.5 62.8	48.4 61.8	46.5 61.9	59.8 64.9	83.2 67.6	90.0 64.0								
32. VACANCIES REGISTERED WITH COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE	'000	Original Adj. (f)	29.2 35.5	32.0 35.6	35.0 36.8	38.3 37.2	41.4 37.7	45.4 35.5	46.6 36.4	38.4 35.1	35.0 35.4	31.5 34.9	30.6 35.8	28.7 36.0	30.2 36.8	33.8 37.6	37.6 39.5	41.3 39.9	43.9 39.9	47.1 36.8	46.3 36.2								
33. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, NUMBER ON (d)	'000 persons	Original Adjusted	23.0 22.1	20.8 21.9	17.2 20.5	15.3 20.1	15.7 20.5	26.3 21.7	26.7 21.7	24.2 22.1	21.0 21.3	21.1 20.7	21.8 21.0	21.3 20.0	19.8 19.1	16.8 17.7	14.2 17.0	13.3 17.5	14.8 19.3	23.5 19.0	23.5 19.0								

(a) "Gold and Foreign Exchange held by Reserve Bank" was \$1,116.6 m. on 12.2.69.

(b) Figures in items 22-30 refer only to employed wage and salary earners. Except for those in item 29, the figures are subject to revision.

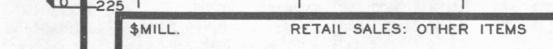
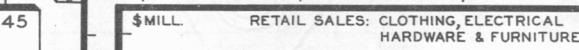
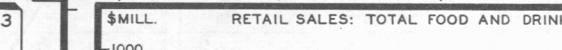
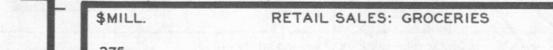
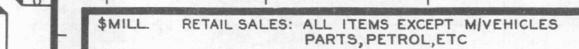
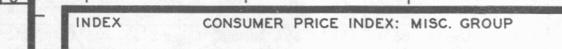
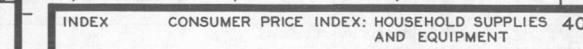
(c) Excludes employees in rural industry and in private domestic service.

(d) Last Saturday of month. (e) Reserves fell by \$24.8 m. between the last Wednesdays in October and November. This fall includes a loss of approx. \$113 m. resulting from the devaluation of United Kingdom and New Zealand currencies. (f) Prior to September 1967 vacancies for school leavers were usually recorded in the month in which they were notified. Since then they have been registered in the month preceding the month in which they could actually be filled.

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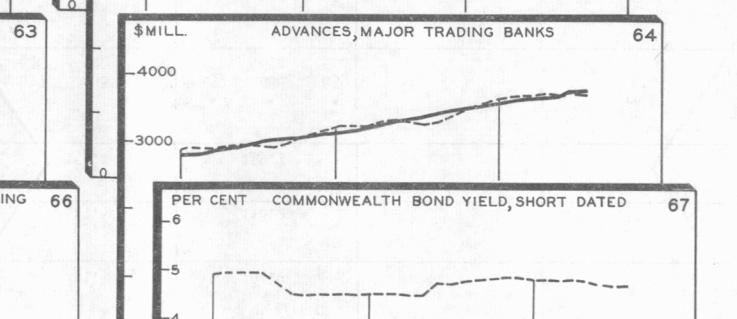
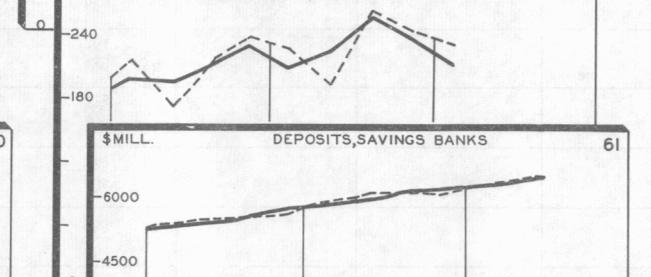
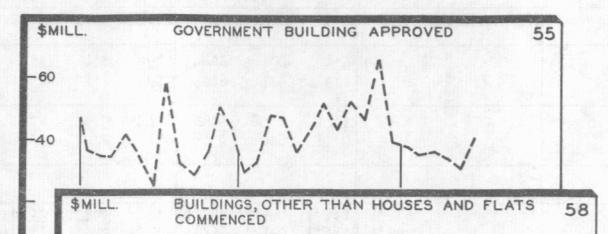
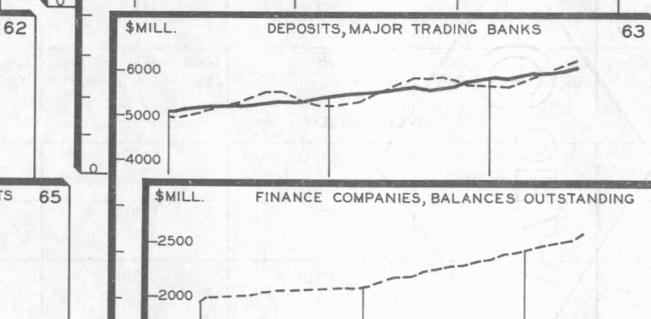
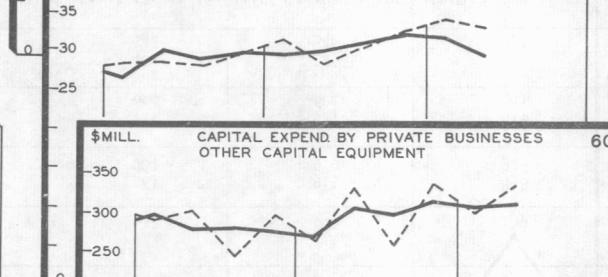
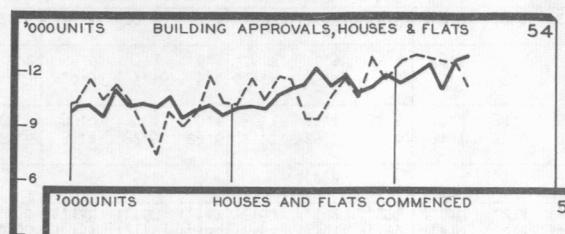
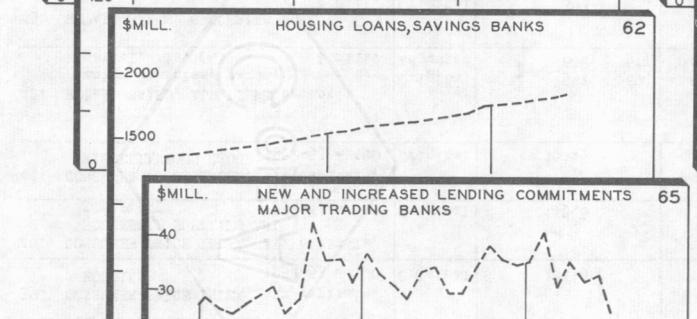
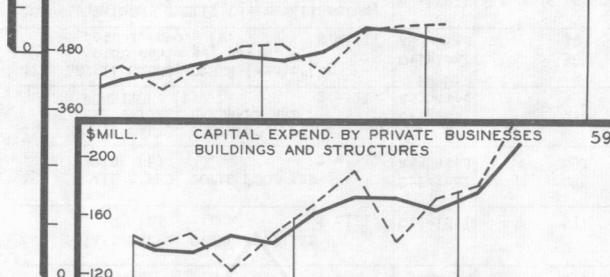
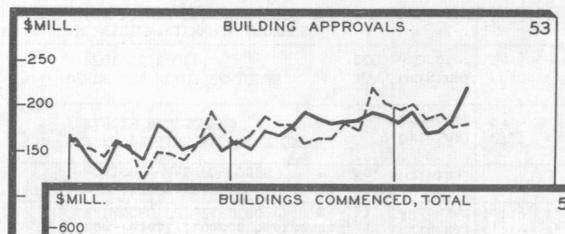
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WAGES, RETAIL PRICES																										
34. AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT	\$	Original	63.40			66.20			61.90			65.90			66.30											
35. WEEKLY WAGE RATES INDEX, ADULT MALES (a) 1954 = 100		Original	158.9	159.0	159.1	159.1	159.2	159.2	161.6	162.0	162.3	162.9	163.4	163.7	164.1	165.7	166.0	171.4	171.5							
36. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, ALL GROUPS 1952-53 = 100		Original	142.5			142.9			143.5			144.6			145.2			146.7								
37. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, FOOD 1952-53 = 100		Original	148.3			147.0			148.0			149.4			149.0			149.3								
38. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals CLOTHING AND DRAPERY 1952-53 = 100		Original	121.2			122.0			122.3			122.9			123.5			124.4								
39. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSING 1952-53 = 100		Original	184.4			186.7			187.6			190.0			191.3			194.9								
40. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT 1952-53 = 100		Original	115.8			116.3			116.4			117.3			117.5			118.2								
41. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, MISCELLANEOUS GROUP 1952-53 = 100		Original	151.5			153.1			153.5			154.3			156.4			159.7								
INTERNAL TRADE																										
42. RETAIL SALES, ALL ITEMS except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b) \$ mill.		Original Adjusted	574 608	597 608	604 617	608 618	650 622	817 621	589 623	578 621	599 628	598 620	659 632	586 634	617 640	638 642	597 632	* 652	* 654	* 664						
43. RETAIL SALES, GROCERIES (b) \$ mill.		Original	303			331			306			309			316											
44. RETAIL SALES, OTHER FOOD AND DRINK (b) \$ mill.		Original	571			632			607			588			588											
45. RETAIL SALES, TOTAL FOOD AND DRINK (b) \$ mill.		Original Adjusted	875 894	963 907			913 919			898 926			904 926													
46. RETAIL SALES, CLOTHING, ELECTRICAL, HARDWARE AND FURNITURE (b) \$ mill.		Original Adjusted	576 597	711 614			527 604			616 611			600 623													
47. RETAIL SALES, OTHER (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) (b) \$ mill.		Original Adjusted	325 340	401 342			326 346			329 354			348 364													
48. INSTALMENT CREDIT for retail sales, non-retail finance businesses, BALANCES OUTSTANDING (b) \$ mill.		Original Adjusted	1,110 1,119	1,122 1,128	1,133 1,134	1,151 1,148	1,171 1,160	1,186 1,167	1,196 1,180	1,193 1,192	1,199 1,205	1,210 1,218	1,227 1,234	1,237 1,248	1,247 1,258	1,258 1,264	1,269 1,271	1,293 1,290	1,318 1,306	1,334 1,313	1,346 1,329					
49. NEW TRACTORS SOLD FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES	No.	Original	3,528			3,512			4,278			4,729														
50. NEW MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS REGISTERED	'000	Original Adjusted	27.3 27.3	30.2 27.6	28.6 28.6	31.4 30.0	32.5 30.4	29.6 30.1	25.7 31.4	29.7 31.5	31.6 32.2	36.8 34.2	31.6 34.4	31.8 29.4	28.2 26.8	27.2 27.9	32.8 29.5	30.9 30.3	30.8 30.1							
51. OTHER NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED (c)	'000	Original Adjusted	6.8 6.5	7.0 6.6	6.3 6.2	6.9 6.6	7.1 6.3	5.6 6.3	5.4 6.7	5.8 6.5	5.5 5.6	5.4 5.6	7.5 6.5	7.2 7.5	8.1 7.1	7.3 7.1	6.8 6.7	7.9 7.2	7.5 7.0	6.4 6.9						
52. TELEVISION VIEWERS' LICENCES, NEW ISSUES (d)	'000	Original	23.3	25.4	21.4	21.5	20.1	17.6	16.5	36.8	28.8	19.0	23.3	21.2	23.9	26.6	26.6	0	18.9	14.9						

(a) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (b) Items 42-7 exclude Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Other new vehicles includes utilities, vans, trucks, etc. (d) Includes new issues of television viewers' licences and new issues of combined television viewers' and broadcast listeners' licences. Includes new issues to persons whose previous licence had expired, these may increase significantly in certain months due to special licence inspection campaigns of the P.M.G.'s Department. * Preliminary. / Revised. (f) At end of month. Amounts financed in new agreements made were: July 1968 \$73.5 m.; August \$70.5 m.; Sept. \$70.0 m.; Oct. \$86.2 m.; Nov. \$83.5 m.; Dec. \$81.3 m. @ Under review.

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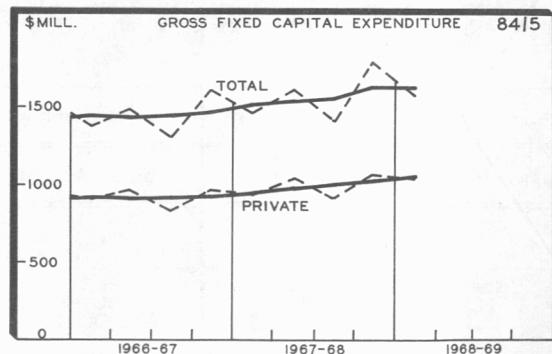
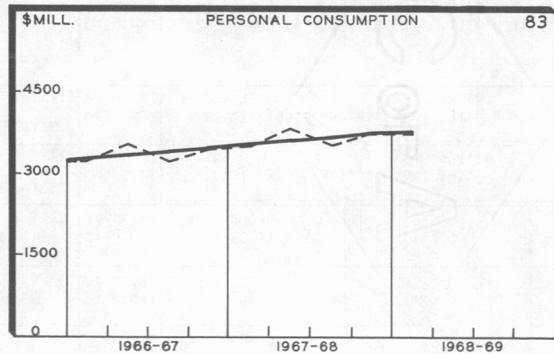
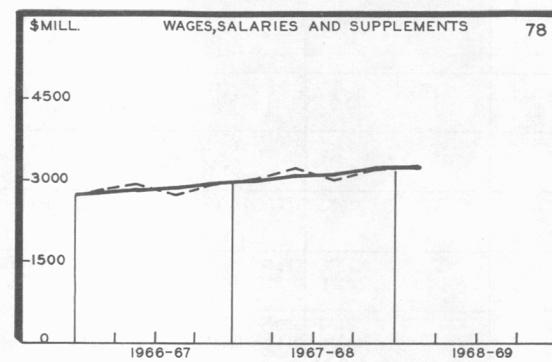
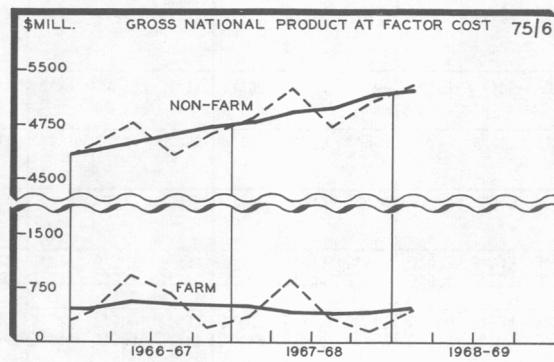
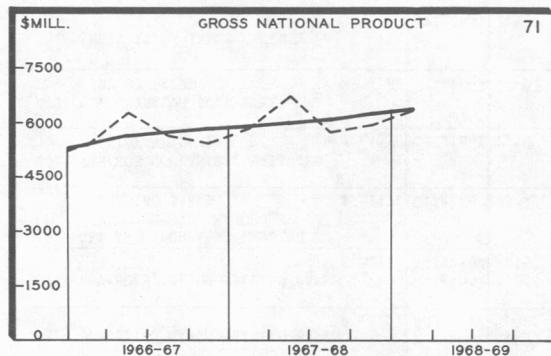
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		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June		
BUILDING, ETC.																											
53. BUILDING APPROVALS	\$ mill.	Original	158.3	168.1	190.7	180.4	181.6	159.0	165.1	165.2	182.4	175.0	223.4	202.6	198.6	203.3	187.2	193.8	179.0	180.4							
		Adjusted	162.3	154.8	173.8	169.5	179.6	196.4	188.5	181.0	185.7	186.9	195.3	192.6	185.6	196.4	171.0	174.0	185.9	212.2							
54. BUILDING APPROVALS, HOUSES AND FLATS	'000 units	Original	10.2	11.7	10.4	11.8	11.6	9.4	9.4	10.8	11.7	10.6	12.9	11.6	12.7	13.0	12.9	12.7	12.5	11.3							
		Adjusted	10.1	10.2	10.0	10.8	11.2	11.4	12.3	11.3	11.9	10.9	11.2	11.9	11.4	11.9	12.5	11.1	12.7	13.0							
55. GOVERNMENT BUILDING APPROVED	\$ mill.	Original	29.8	32.9	48.1	47.7	36.5	43.8	52.1	43.0	52.4	46.4	66.4	39.3	38.0	35.6	36.6	34.4	31.1	41.2							
56. BUILDINGS COMMENCED, TOTAL	\$ mill.	Original	494.2			438.5			522.9			534.2			538.0												
		Adjusted	462.2			478.1			529.8			520.2			503.3												
57. HOUSES AND FLATS COMMENCED	'000 units	Original	31.5			28.6			30.4			32.6			34.1			33.0									
		Adjusted	29.5			30.0			31.2			32.5			31.9			29.3									
58. BUILDINGS, OTHER THAN HOUSES AND FLATS, COMMENCED	\$ mill.	Original	226.7			193.9			260.8			244.1			228.7												
		Adjusted	209.6			225.0			256.4			234.5			211.4												
59. NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Buildings and structures (a)	\$ mill.	Original	167.1	(335.9 anticipated)	191.8	143.0	(326.4 anticipated)	172.8	181.7	(419.4 anticipated)	232.8																
		Adjusted	162.5		174.2	173.8		165.2	176.6		211.6																
60. NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Other capital equipment (a)	\$ mill.	Original	266.7	(595.6 anticipated)	331.0	261.2	(604.5 anticipated)	338.2	302.7	(637.0 anticipated)	337.0																
		Adjusted	271.3		306.8	300.2		317.3	307.3		312.6																
FINANCE																											
61. DEPOSITS, SAVINGS BANKS	\$ mill.	Original	5,821	5,890	5,952	6,001	6,031	6,021	6,046	6,071	6,068	6,043	6,112	6,222	6,280	6,349	6,385	6,442	6,485	6,456							
		Adjusted	5,805	5,853	5,903	5,949	5,984	6,003	6,049	6,075	6,104	6,142	6,199	6,222	6,261	6,299	6,341	6,385	6,427	6,450							
62. HOUSING LOANS, SAVINGS BANKS	\$ mill.	Original	1,559	1,574	1,590	1,602	1,617	1,637	1,643	1,658	1,675	1,690	1,705	1,751	1,767	1,779	1,795	1,813	1,826	1,846							
63. DEPOSITS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	\$ mill.	Original	5,259	5,298	5,342	5,447	5,593	5,717	5,819	5,816	5,832	5,759	5,689	5,698	5,683	5,668	5,745	5,887	5,979	6,110	6,261						
		Adjusted	5,421	5,456	5,484	5,526	5,589	5,633	5,689	5,613	5,627	5,686	5,734	5,796	5,858	5,837	5,898	5,971	5,973	6,020	6,120						
64. ADVANCES, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	\$ mill.	Original	3,244	3,229	3,229	3,311	3,312	3,307	3,267	3,288	3,354	3,504	3,559	3,598	3,662	3,676	3,665	3,717	3,705	3,718	3,687						
		Adjusted	3,157	3,190	3,224	3,277	3,302	3,332	3,337	3,413	3,441	3,483	3,513	3,534	3,563	3,632	3,661	3,680	3,694	3,748	3,766						
65. NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	\$ mill.	Original	36.9	32.6	30.7	28.4	33.5	34.5	29.7	29.7	34.8	38.5	35.9	34.9	35.5	41.0	30.7	35.6	31.9	33.1	26.2						
66. FINANCE COMPANIES, BALANCES OUTSTANDING (b)	\$ mill.	Original	2,107	2,142	2,176	2,192	2,246	2,259	2,277	2,288	2,329	2,354	2,407	2,421	2,453	2,487	2,506	2,543	2,609								
67. COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, SHORT DATED	per cent	Original	4.53	4.53	4.51	4.51	4.75	4.71	4.80	4.84	4.86	4.87	4.85	4.84	4.84	4.83	4.83	4.82	4.72	4.68	4.70						
68. SHARE PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY (c)		Original	2,972	3,132	3,184	3,236	3,330	3,270	3,316	3,423	3,367	3,509	3,825	4,077	4,162	4,224	4,166	4,009	4,106	4,328	4,517						
69. LISTED COMPANIES, NEW MONEY RAISED	\$ mill.	Original	92.4			139.4			115.2			121.8			*	198.9											
		Adjusted	81.0			108.0			140.7			138.9			187.7												
70. TAXATION REVENUE, COMMONWEALTH AND STATE Consolidated revenue funds	\$ mill.	Original	292.9	283.0	287.8	302.8	335.0	326.8	368.7	508.2	551.8	781.3	675.1	643.9	333.9	301.1	283.5	346.5	381.3	384.4							

(a) See notes, page 14. (b) Contracts including charges, plus contracts excluding charges. Amounts shown are intended to provide a broad overall measure of total balances outstanding; however, movements may be affected by changes in the proportion of the two components to the total. (c) Average, three years ended June 1939 = 1,000. * Preliminary. / Revised.

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		1967-68				1968-69			
		Sept. Qtr	Dec. Qtr	March Qtr	June Qtr	Sept. Qtr	Dec. Qtr	March Qtr	June Qtr
NATIONAL ACCOUNTS									
71. GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,812 5,897	6,751 6,011	5,726 6,098	5,932 6,274	6,384 6,389		
72. plus IMPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	1,009 988	967 991	1,085 1,094	1,070 1,060	1,096 1,072		
73. less EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	853 888	904 883	859 872	934 905	897 933		
74. GROSS NATIONAL EXPENDITURE	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,968 5,997	6,814 6,119	5,952 6,320	6,068 6,429	6,583 6,528		
GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT AT FACTOR COST -									
75. FARM	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	365 502	875 431	335 436	155 437	442 490		
76. NON-FARM	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	4,844 4,772	5,240 4,941	4,722 4,985	5,066 5,158	5,288 5,224		
77. TOTAL	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,209 5,274	6,115 5,372	5,057 5,421	5,221 5,595	5,730 5,714		
78. WAGES, SALARIES AND SUPPLEMENTS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	3,026 3,013	3,229 3,107	3,005 3,114	3,206 3,237	3,272 3,264		
79. INCOME OF FARM UNINCORPORATED ENTERPRISES	\$ mill.	Original	148	630	131	-42	209		
80. OTHER PERSONAL INCOME	\$ mill.	Original	1,141	1,291	1,131	1,361	1,204		
81. less INCOME TAX PAYABLE and estate and gift duties	\$ mill.	Original	527	657	521	558	594		
82. PERSONAL DISPOSABLE INCOME	\$ mill.	Original	3,788	4,493	3,746	3,967	4,091		
83. PERSONAL CONSUMPTION	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	3,512 3,555	3,852 3,626	3,532 3,689	3,719 3,742	3,731 3,776		
GROSS FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE -									
84. PRIVATE	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	947 956	1,050 992	913 1,001	1,074 1,034	1,046 1,047		
85. TOTAL	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	1,465 1,522	1,617 1,551	1,411 1,560	1,784 1,638	1,570 1,629		

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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1.	36-41. Consumer price index. For particulars of composition and weighting see Labour Report No. 52, 1965 and 1966.	16, 22	9
2. Total generated, including electricity not for sale	42-7. Figures relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, repairs, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.	22	32
3. Includes gas produced in gas works and gas purchased from oil refineries. Does not include natural gas.	48. Figures relate to balances outstanding (including hiring charges and insurance) at end of period in respect of retail sales made by finance businesses which are not themselves retailers. Amounts financed - new agreements made exclude hiring charges, insurance and retailers' subsidiaries. ..	22	13, 14
4. Includes recovery from scrap.	49. Excludes crawler tractors of 3,000 pounds weight or less. ..	22	35
5. Portland cement.	50, 51. Registrations recorded by the registration authorities. Includes all government owned vehicles other than Defence Service vehicles. ..	22	30, 31
6. Includes finished and partly finished motor vehicles.	52. Includes new issues of television viewers' licences and new issues of combined television viewers' and broadcast listeners' licences. ..	22, 28	17
7. Includes those made and incorporated by manufacturers in their own products.	53, 54. Building permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorised by government authorities. Number of houses and flats relate to individual living units.	22, 26	4
8. Includes mixtures predominantly of cotton.	55. Contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorised by government authorities for their own use, the use of their employees, rental or sale. ..	22, 25	4
9. Includes mixtures predominantly of wool.	56. Estimated value of buildings on completion, excluding land. ..	22, 29	5
10. Includes all footwear of cemented, vulcanised moulded rubber and injection moulded plastic soled construction but excludes slippers, sandals, goloshes and rubber gum boots.	57. Excludes conversions to flats. ..	15	5, 6
11. In terms of fresh meat (carcass weight). Total production including estimates for meat produced from animals slaughtered on farms.	58. See 56 above. ..	10	5
12.	59, 60. Statistics are from returns showing actual expenditure for each quarter and anticipated expenditure for next half-year, obtained from private businesses subject to Pay-roll Tax (other than rural, professional, gas and electricity), from government banks and airlines, and from other businesses undertaking projects of more than \$500,000 in any half year. ..	22, 27	7
13. Source: National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. Bales received into selling brokers' stores for disposal, excluding quantities received for re-sale.	61. Deposits at end of period - all savings banks. ..	18	33, 34
14. The value of wool sold at auction and privately by wool selling brokers, including wool carried over and sold and also wool resold.	62. Housing loans outstanding at end of period, all savings banks. ..	20	33, 34
15. Average price which a N.S.W. clip of constant average quality would realise if sold at the level of prices obtaining in the specified month.	63, 64. Monthly averages of weekly figures of the major trading banks, (the Commonwealth Trading Bank and the seven private trading banks). ..	1, 37	2, 3
16-17. Total recorded overseas trade. See preface and explanatory notes, Monthly Bulletin of Overseas Trade Statistics.	65. Weekly average for period ending second Wednesday of month. The series comprises new and increased lending commitments for both overdrafts and term loans entered into by major trading banks (commitments in respect of temporary loans to woolbuyers are excluded). Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. ..	20	17
18. Indexes of values at average 1966-67 prices. New series of indexes first published in the bulletin "Exports and Imports of Merchandise at Constant Prices" (Ref. No. 8.21) on 10 October, 1968, in which a full description of sources and methods is given.	66. At end of period. Covers main types of lending by finance companies in Australia, comprising instalment credit for retail sales, wholesale hire purchase, other consumer and commercial loans and factoring. In so far as they provide instalment credit for retail sales the Finance Companies are also included in 48, Instalment Credit for Retail Sales. Includes leasing. ..	11	13, 17
19-20.	67. Theoretical 2 year securities. Average for the week is centred on the last Wednesday of the month. Income subject to Commonwealth taxation less rebate of 10 cents per dollar. Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. ..	11	17
21. Net gold and foreign exchange holdings (Official and Banking Institutions). Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. December figures as at end of period, other figures last Wednesday of month.	68. Average of monthly prices per \$2 of paid-up capital, 75 companies, adjusted for changes in capital structure. As published by Deputy Commonwealth Statistician, Sydney. ..	11	17, 18
22, 24-6. Excludes permanent defence forces in Australia or overseas. Based on returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections.	69. Companies listed on Australian stock exchanges. New money raised is the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to the issuing companies through the issues of shares, debentures, notes and similar securities and the acceptance of deposits. The investing public includes banks and life insurance companies (except when subscribing to issues by associated companies) and government and private superannuation funds, but excludes other government agencies. ..	11	8, 17
23. Includes all government employees in Australia (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) employed on services such as railways, post office, etc., as well as administrative employees.	70. Excludes taxation collections paid direct to trust funds, e.g. motor taxes. ..	17, 36	-
27. Includes employees directly engaged in manufacturing activity and selling and distribution staff.	71-85. For references to concepts see "Australian National Accounts, National Income and Expenditure", published May, 1968. ..	17, 36	19
28.			
29. Survey conducted jointly with Department of Labour and National Service.			
30. See 22 above.			
31, 32. Source: Department of Labour and National Service, Registrations with Commonwealth Employment Service.			
33. Excludes persons receiving sickness or special benefits and persons receiving the special benefits paid to migrants in reception and training centres. Source: Department of Social Services.			
34. Male units represent total male employees plus 55 per cent of female employees.			
35. Index of weighted average minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime) as prescribed in awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The base of each index number is the weighted average weekly wage for Australia.			

PUBLICATIONS FOR FURTHER REFERENCE

(Other than annual publications of the Bureau of Census and Statistics)

Reference
No.

1. Australian Balance of Payments half-yearly
2. Banking Bulletin monthly
3. Banking Statement, Preliminary "
4. Building Approvals, Australia "
5. Building Statistics, Bulletin of quarterly
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